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REF: (A) BELGRADE A-851, DEC 7, 1972 (B) A-662 SEPT 11, 1972

(C) A-246, APRIL 27, 1972

1. SUMMARY: LC. C. UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE SENDS HARSH LETTER TO COMMUNISTS OF PHILOSOPHICAL FACULTY BELGRADE UNIVERSITY. COMMUNISTS ARE ACCUSED OF ALLOWING POOR POLITICAL SITUATION TO EXISTS AT FACULTY AND OF INACTION SINCE TITO- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE LETTER. ACTION WILL RESULT, BUT EXACTLY WHAT SORT REMAINS TO BE SEEN. END SUMMARY.

2. KOMUNIST OF MARCH 22 CARRIES LETTER OF MARCH 9 TO COMMUNISTS OF PHILOSOPHICAL FACULTY FROM UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE. LETTER GIVEN FULL PAGE PLAY IN BORBA.

3. IN VERY HARSH AND SPECIFIC LANGUAGE, LETTER CHARGES THAT PHILOSOPHICAL FACULTY HAS HARBORED " VERY INFLUENTIAL GROUP OF INSTRUCTORS" WHO FOR LONG TIME, AND ESPECIALLY SINCE JUNE 1968 , HAVE BEEN " OPEN POLITICAL CONFLICT" WITH LC. NAMES OF SOME SUCH INSTRUCTORS ARE GIVEN IN HEAVY BLACK TYPE: MIHAILO MARKOVIC, SVETOZAR STOJANOVIC, MILADIN ZIVOTIC, LJUBA TADIC, ZAGA PESIC- GOLUBOVIC, DLAGOLJAB MICUNOVIC, TRIVO INDJIC, AND NEBOJSA POPOV. MOST HAVE BEEN UNDER PREVIOUS ATTACK (REF A).

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4. LETTER ALSO CHARGES THAT FOR PAST 5-6 YEARS PHILOSOPHICAL FACULTY HAS BEEN CENTER FOR " SMALL BUT MILITANT, EXTREMIST GROUP" OF STUDENTS WHO " DAMAGED REPUTATION" OF FACULTY. AMONG OTHER THINGS THESE STUDENTS ARE ACCUSED OF HOLDING MEETING TO PROTEST US " INTERVENTION" IN CAMBODIA " WITH AIM OF BRINGING INTO QUESTION THE CORRECT AND PRINCIPLED FOREIGN POLICY OF YUGOSLAVIA". FURTHER CHARGE MADE THAT " HARD- CORE" GROUP INCLUDING TROTSKYITE GROUP ARRESTED LAST YEAR AND FORMER PRISIDENT OF FACULTY STUDENT ORGANIZATION, VLADIMIR MIJANOVIC, (REF B, C) OPERATED INSIDE LARGER GROUP.

5. BUT SPECIFIC IRE IS DIRECTED TO CHARGE THAT IN PERIOD SINCE LETTER OF TITO AND LC EXECUTIVE BUREAU, PARTY ORGANIZATION HAS NOT MADE ANY MOVE TO CARRY OUT TASKS OF THE LETTER AND APPARENTLY HAS NO PROGRAM FOR DOING SO. THIS, SAYS UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE, DESPITE FACT THAT IF TITO LETTER APPLIES TO ANY PART OF THE UNIVERSITY, IT SURELY APPLIES TO PHILOSOPHICAL FACULTY SINCE " CONDITION OF TOTAL CRISIS" PREVAILS THERE.

6. UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE LETTER CONCLUDES BY DEMANDING COMMUNISTS OF FACULTY INDICATE THEIR PREPAREDNESS TO TIGHTEN UP THEIR IDEOLOGICAL- POLITICAL UNITY, REAFFIRM PRINCIPLE OF DEMOCRATIC CENTRALISM, AND " CLEARLY LIMIT" " ALIEN AND INACCEPTABLE IDEOLOGICAL POLITICAL TENDENCIES" AND THEIR SPOKESMEN AT THE FACULTY. IN ADDITION THE COMMUNISTS OF THE FACULTY ARE CHARGED WITH BRINGING UNDER CONTROL THE POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF THE INSTRUCTORS AND " EXTREMIST GROUPS" OF STUDENTS MENTIONED ABOVE.

7. COMMENT : IN VIEW OF PARTY, A " BRINGING TO ACCOUNT" PROCESS AT THE PHILOSOPHICAL FACULTY MUST SEEM OVERDUE. GIEN THE CLEAR WARNING OF PREVIOUS ATTACKS, THE LETTER COMES AS NO SURPRISE. BUT UNLIKE THE OTHER ATTACKS, ACTION WILL SURELY RESULT FROM THIS ONE. WRITTEN IN MUCH MORE HARSH AND SPECIFIC LANGUAGE THAN ANY PARTY DOCUMENT WE HAVE SEEN FOR SOME TIME, THE LETTER LEAVES VERY LITTLE ROOM FOR MANEUVERING BY THE PARTY ORGANIZATION OF THE PHILOSOPHICAL FACULTY.

8. HOW FAR THIS ACTION WILL GO REMAINS TO BE SEEN. THERE WILL SURELY BE A SEVERE CLAMP DOWN ON ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN THE VARIOUS PHILOSOPHICAL AND SOCIOLOGICAL JOURNALS INCLUDING FILOSOFIJA AND PRAXIS. AND THE SMALL GROUP OF STUDENTS MENTIONED IN THE LETTER (THEY ARE KNOWN LOCALY AS MAOISTS ALTHOUGH MORE IN TRIBUTE TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THEIR RADICALISM THAN TO THEIR POLITICAL ORIENTATION) CAN EXPECT

AN INCREASE IN ACADEMIC/ BUREAUCRATIC HARRASSMENT.

9. BUT THE BIG QUESTION IS WILL THE INSTRUCTORS UNDER ATTACK BE ALLOWED TO RETAIN THEIR POSITIONS. THERE HAS BEEN A LOW KEY DEBATE ON THIS GENERAL TOPIC FOR THE PAST FEW MONTHS. DURING ONE ASPECT OF THIS DEBATE LAST DECEMBER BRANKO PRIBICEVIC, PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE, TRIED TO LIMIT THE DEFINITION OF ACADEMIC BEHAVIOUR WHICH WOULD BE CAUSE FOR REMOVAL. BUT PRIBICEVIC SEEMS TO HAVE WITHDRAWN A BIT LATELY AND MORE PRESS COVERAGE HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE SECRETARY OF THE UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE, MILORAD BERTOLINO. WHAT, THAT PORTENDS WILL BE SEEN IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.
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